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SUBJ: CODEL DIGGS VISIT TO NDJAMENA

1. REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES C. DIGGS AND CARDISS COLLINS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STAFF COMMITTEE MEMBER MRS. LESLIE YATES, AND MRS. DIGGS ARRIVED IN NDJAMENA AT NOON JUNE 30 AND LEFT AT 3:30 P.M. JULY 1. THEIR BRIEF VISIT WAS BUSY, USEFUL TO THE EMBASSY, AND, WE BELIEVE USEFUL TO THE CODEL.

2. ON JUNE 30 GROUP VISITED CARE-CONSTRUCTED SCHOOL AT KOUNDOUL, 21 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF NDJAMEHA, AND AID-FINANCED WAREHOUSES ON OUTSKIRTS OF NDJAMENA AT CHAGOUA. IN EVENING GROUP ATTENDED RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE WHERE THEY HAD OPPORTUNITY MEET CROSS SECTION LOCAL COMMUNITY. ON JULY 1, AFTER BRIEFING AT EMBASSY, GROUP HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AND GAVE RADIO INTERVIEW, AND WITH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOLLOWING OFFICIALS: PRESIDENT SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL GENERAL MALLOUM; MINISTER FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT, MAJOR ROASNGAR (JUST PROMOTED FROM CAPTAIN); NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION, JOSEPH BAKO; AND NEWLY APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE, ECONOMY AND PLAN MADENGAR BERAMADJI. AT AIRPORT ON DEPARTURE, CODEL HAD OPPORTUNITY MEET BRIEFLY RETURNING MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION KAMOUGUE.

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3. CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS LARGELY CONFINED TO COURTESIES.

(MEMCONS BEING POUCHED). CODEL WITH EACH BRIEFLY OUTLINED OBJECTIVES DELEGATION'S VISIT AND ROLE PLAYED BY CODEL IN FORMULATION AMERICAN AFRICAN POLICY. SMC PRESIDENT MALLOUM STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO FORMULATE DEVELOPMENT PLANS, REGRETTED THAT US AND OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN MISUSED UNDER FORMER REGIME AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DEVELOPMENT PLANS NEAR FUTURE WOULD ASSURE THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR PEOPLE AS WHOLE. V MINISTER ROASNGAR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION US ASSISTANCE, NOTED EFFORTS BEING MADE WITHIN HIS MINISTRY PREPARE FOR FUTURE NATURAL CALAMITIES. MINISTER STATE BEREMADJE TOUCHED ON PAST MISUSE OF AID AND HOPES FOR AVOIDING FUTURE MISUSE, AND STRESSED NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. BEREMADJE DESCRIBED SOURCES NATIONAL INCOME (LARGELY CUSTOMS DUTIES) IN RESPONSE QUESTION FROM REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS. IN REPLY CHAIRMAN DIGGS' QUESTION REGARDING NEW GOC RECEPTIVITY FOREIGN INVESTMENT, BEREMADJE STATED THAT IN GENERAL CHAD WOULD WELCOME MORE PRIVATE INVESTMENT. IN MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL MFA CHAIRMAN DIGGS ASKED FOR GOC POSITIONS REGARDING NEW OAU MEETING KAMPALA AND GOC POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. BAKO, WHOSE FOREIGN MINISTER OUT OF COUNTRY SINCE BAKO TOOK OVER PRESENT POST AS DIRECTOR GENERAL JUNE 22, STATED THAT HE NOT IN POSITION TO REPLY AUTHORITATIVELY TO THESE QUESTIONS.

4. MEDIA COVERAGE INCLUDED MENTION OF VISIT IN PRE-ARRIVAL RADIO/PRESS INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR ON US AID IN GENERAL, AND PRESS AND RADIO INTERVIEWS DURING VISIT. CHAIRMAN DIGGS OUTLINED FOR PRESS EXTENT DIRECT US AID TO SAHEL AND NOTED US CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN EFFORTS, SAID THAT AID TO SAHEL WOULD BE BOTH BILATERAL AND REGIONAL, AND ANTICIPATED THAT FUNDS FOR SAHEL MIGHT BE INCREASED. ON QUESTION US/ZAIRE RELATIONS, CHAIRMAN DIGGS SAID (TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH): "THE COMMISSION ENQUIRING INTO THIS PROBLEM HAS NOT YET MADE PUBLIC THE RESULTS OF ITS WORK. I DO NOT KNOW HOW THE CONGRESS IS GOING TO REACT. STILL, THIS CONTENTION HAS NOT TARNISHED AMERICAN/ZAIRIAN RELATIONS. THE PROOF: THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE SIGNED LAST WEEK AN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS." COMMENT: IN FACT, CHAIRMAN DIGGS SAID "RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT BEEN PERMANENTLY DAMAGED," BUT THE STATEMENT WAS SOMEWHAT CHANGED BY TIME IT APPEARED IN PRINT.

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5. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONSIDERS VISIT TO HAVE BEEN USEFUL AND SUCCESSFUL AND BELIEVES CODEL MADE SAME ASSESSMENT. LITTLE

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